

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 19 as follows:

The endoscope 3 is configured to comprise an insertion portion 11, operation portion 12, and universal cord 13. The insertion portion ~~[[3]]~~11 has an elongated shape, and is inserted into a body cavity. The operation portion 12 is juxtaposed with the proximal portion of the insertion portion 11, and also serves as a grasping portion. The universal cord 13 extends from a side portion of the operation portion 12, and is connected to an external unit such as the video processor 4.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 15 as follows:

The probe 1 is now removed from the holding device 20. Specifically, the distal portion 1c of the probe 1 shown in Fig. ~~[[7]]~~ 8 is first withdrawn from the holding hole 23. Next, the intermediate portion 1b of the probe 1 adjacent to the distal portion thereof is removed from the holding groove 22 through the notch portion 22a, and then the probe 1 is inserted into the therapeutic device insertion channel 15. Then, an insertion portion shape image is displayed on the screen of the second monitor 8. The operator can make a check of the insertion portion shape by observing this insertion portion shape image.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 13 as follows:

Here, as shown in Fig. ~~[[7]]~~ 8, the intermediate portion 1b of the probe 1 adjacent to the proximal portion thereof is placed into the holding groove 22 through the notch portion 22a of the holding device 20 disposed close at the operator's hand.